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12-18-02AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 67.

The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Amended claims are shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made. For convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A.

67. (AMENDED) A cleaning composition for use in semiconductor integrated circuit fabrication comprising phosphoric acid and acetic acid, wherein the composition includes phosphoric acid at a concentration of about X% by volume or less, where X is 5, and acetic acid at a concentration of about (100-X)% by volume or less, and wherein the composition is operable to remove exposed metal from a surface at a removal rate of less than about 200 Å/minute.

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